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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VON WEIZSAECKER, RICHARD), GW, US
SUBJECT: JANUARY 1979 VISIT OF RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER

1. RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER, DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE OPPOSITION CDU AND THE CDU CANDIDATE TO CHALLENGE DIETRICH STOBBE AS GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN IN THE MARCH 1979 ELECTIONS, WANTS TO SPEND SOME THREE DAYS ON CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON DURING THE FIRST HALF OF JANUARY 1979. HIS TRIP HAS TWO GOALS: (A) TO DISCUSS BERLIN-RELATED ISSUES WITH OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE GROUPS IN THE U.S. (MAINLY WASHINGTON), AND (B) TO BOLSTER HIS CREDENTIALS FOR THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN THE CITY.

2. AS A FIRST REACTION, WE URGED VON WEIZSAECKER TO SCHEDULE HIS TRIP AROUND MID-JANUARY (E.G., JANUARY 10-12) RATHER THAN EARLIER, IN ORDER TO HAVE A BETTER CHANCE FOR APPOINTMENTS ON CAPITOL HILL AND ELSEWHERE. WE ALSO UNDERTOOK TO OBTAIN THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW ON THE BEST "WINDOW" FOR SUCH A TRIP IN THE FIRST HALF OF JANUARY.

3. VON WEIZSAECKER IS A SERIOUS-MINDED POLITICIAN WHO SHOULD RECEIVE HIGH-LEVEL ACCESS AND TREATMENT. AS
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SOON AS WE GET A PRECISE FIX ON HIS JANUARY TRIP, WE SHALL RECOMMEND SPECIFIC APPOINTMENTS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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